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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I am very concerned that competition among broadband internet access service providers, and particularly unrestricted and equal access to fiber optic cable, be maintained and expanded. Right now, a very few service providers have what amounts to a monopoly on access to fiber optic cable in many parts of the country, including major metropolitan areas.

In my area, Oakland California, The ONLY fiber optic provider is through AT&T. While I receive my internet service (and telephone service) through an independent ISP, it is forced to use AT&T fiber optic cable to provide high-speed internet access. (Previous to my current ISP, I had been using AT&T, but found their service unacceptable, both in terms of price versus value and the very poor quality of customer service.)

I am concerned that if the FCC does not require maintaining open and equal access to limited infrastructure, like fiber optic cable, independent ISPs will be frozen out of the market by AT&T, which will then be free to re-establish the type of monopoly practices that used to characterize it when it was "Ma Bell" with a monopoly on telephone service.

Right now, my ISP is being forced to provide its best quality high-speed internet access via AT&T. If the FCC is committed to maintaining competition in the telecommunication industry, it cannot allow AT&T, and other providers with similar control over fiber optic networks, to obtain a strangle-hold over high-speed internet service, at the expense of competitors, and consumers.

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